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SUBJECT: SADAT'S STERN INTERVIEW

1. ALL CAIRO PAPERS APRIL 13 LEAD WITH ADVANCE OF INTERVIEW GARANTED BY SADAT TO WEST GERMAN MAGAZINE STERN. REPORTEDLY, STERN WILL NOT RUN STORY UNTIL NEXT WEEK, ALTHOUGH INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE LAST WEEK SHORTLY AFTER SADAT'S ALEXANDRIA SPEECH.

2. ON SOVIET ROLE IN EGYPT, SADAT TOLD INTERVIEWER THAT USSR HAD LIMITED SUPPLY OF WEAPONS TO EGYPT DURING OCTOBER WAR. ASKED IF EGYPT HAD RECEIVED "SUFFICIENT" WEAPONS FROM MOSCOW, RE REPLIED "I DO NOT WANT TO
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DISCUSS THAT NOW. I MUST FIRST TALK TO SOVIETS BEFORE

I EXPRESS MYSELF PUBLICLY ON THIS." SADAT ONCE AGAIN RELATED STORY OF VINOGRADOV'S ALLEGATION THAT ASAD WANTED CEASEFIRE SIX HOURS AFTER WAR BROKE OUT. HE ADDED THAT ALGERIA HAD PAID USSR 100 MILLION DOLLARS FOR ARMS SHIPMENTS TO EGYPT SOON AFTER WAR BEGAN.

3. ASKED ABOUT GENEVA PEACE TALKS, SADAT SAID HE TOLD HUSSAIN THAT JORDAN MUST GO TO GENEVA: "THERE MUST BE FOUR DELEGATIONS THERE: EGYPT, SYRIA, PALESTINE AND JORDAN." HE IS RELYING UPON TWO SUPERPOWERS TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 242, HE ADDED, AND ALSO UPON EGYPTIAN PEOPLE AND ARMY, ARAB SOLIDARITY, AND WORLD PUBLIC OPINION. "I DO NOT NEED TO RELY ON THE GODS OF WASHINGTON". SADAT REITERATED CONFIDENCE IN SECRETARY KISSINGER, "A MAN WHO SO FAR HAS KEPT ALL HIS PROMISES."

4. REFERRING TO CHANCELLOR BRANDT'S UPCOMING VISIT TO EGYPT, PRESIDENT SAID HE WELCOMES EUROPEAN INITIATIVES TO SOLVE ME PROBLEM AND ALSO EUROPEAN RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT BRANDT HIMSELF STILL HAS PROBLEMS LEFT OVER FROM HITLER, SO "I DO NOT EXPECT BRANDT TO COME DOWN ON MY SIDE. HE CANNOT DO THAT FOR VARIOUS REASONS HAVING TO DO WITH GERMANY'S PAST, BUT I DO EXPECT JUSTICE IN HIS EVALUATION OF OUR PROBLEM." EILTS

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